



## Golden LEAF Foundation Awards Machining Program \$198,000 Grant

The Golden LEAF Foundation has awarded Alamance Community College Foundation a \$198,158 grant to upgrade equipment and software in the Computer-Integrated Machining Technology program that will assist in teaching students mandatory high-performance manufacturing techniques.



The grant monies will allow the College to purchase:

- multi-axis machines capable of teaching high-performance manufacturing techniques
- state-of-the-art turning center to demonstrate the latest in automation
- grinding machines to help students obtain valuable third-party credentials and experience training not available at other community colleges
- marketing materials necessary to publicize Computer-Integrated Machining and its long history of high wages for career length positions available locally

Upgrading equipment will allow the College to teach skills industry uses today. The funds will allow ACC to make the multi-axis machines fully functional to private sector standards by purchasing rotaries and software upgrades. Former students can upgrade their skills by attending a Continuing Education class.

The College pursued the Golden LEAF Foundation grant because ACC's manufacturing partners, such as Engineered Controls International, Honda Power Equipment and Sandvik Coromant reported they have seen a decline in the skills necessary for technical local jobs.

Precision grinding, another example, is one of the most important skills reportedly lost in the transition to the newer computerized Machining curriculum. Grinding is one of the oldest and most important skills of a machinist, and local companies have lamented that new employees often do not have the necessary grinding skills or experience.

With the help of Golden LEAF, ACC will now purchase the much-needed equipment demanded by industry, thus providing our students with the advanced and most up-to-date skills they need for successful careers in machining.

## A Donor Asks...

“Should I make a donation to a particular scholarship or fund or should I just give unrestricted dollars?” Both types of donations are valued. In addition to providing financial aid for students who don’t “fit” a named scholarship, unrestricted donations help the ACC Foundation fund emerging needs and expenses that state funds can’t or won’t cover. Recent examples include:

- Taking 40 students in the African American Literature class on a field trip to The International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro, Mendenhall Plantation in Jamestown, and the 300-year old tulip poplar Underground Railroad Tree at Guilford College.
- Purchasing automobile brake and electronic trainers for Career College students to practice repair skills in a risk-free environment.
- Moving the horticulture department’s perennial and woody ornamental nursery to the Bill and Nancy Covington Education Center. Funds were used to install a hoop house frame, lay a gravel floor, and install and maintain irrigation.
- Purchasing Mechatronics Engineering lab tool and parts kits for loan to students who may not be able to afford required course materials.
- Sending the Department Head for Advising and Student Success to the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Conference.
- Helping three faculty members and one member of the business office to earn additional credentials to enhance their job skills.



*Family members surround Bill Covington as he symbolically plants an oak tree. This event was part of the dedication on November 1 of the Bill and Nancy Covington Education Center, 47 acres purchased with a gift from a generous donor to the ACC Foundation to expand Horticulture Technology and related programs.*

## News from the ACC Family

### Condolences to:

- The family of Tony Holland, retired BLET coordinator, who passed away November 4.
- Karen Evans, former ACC Childcare Lead Teacher, on the passing of her brother, Michael Evans, November 22.
- Ruth Wade Thomas, retired instructor, on the passing of her husband, James "Jimmy" E. Thomas, December 13.
- Flora Compton, former ACC Business Office employee, on the passing of her husband, Robert, December 16.

### Congratulations to:

- Jeannie Proctor, ACC Retiree, on the wedding of her youngest son, Drew.
- Peggy Boswell, ACC Scott Family Librarian, on the birth of grandson, Ezra Lee Sullivan, on December 11.
- Jerry Yeatts, ACC Automotive Instructor, on his retirement in December.
- Linda McAdams on retiring from her part-time position as the Nursing department secretary in December.

## New Full-Time Webmaster is an ACC Alumna



The College welcomes Sarah Vetter as its first-ever Webmaster/Social & Digital Media Specialist in the Public Information and Marketing Office. Sarah's tenure at ACC began as a student worker with Information Services in July 2012, and a year later she was hired as a part-time Computer Technician. She has served as full-time Webmaster since October 2019.

While working part-time at the College, Sarah completed her Associate in Applied Science degree in Web Technologies in December 2013. The following spring she earned her Associate in Applied Science in Computer Information Technology. She graduated with High Honors in both instances. She was also a member of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) honor society.

Sarah benefited from an ACC Foundation Scholarship to complete her degrees, and says "I am grateful to the Foundation for helping me to complete my degree and attain full-time employment in a field I love!"

## From the Director's Desk



If you have friends or family members who are 70 1/2 or older, they may make a charitable gift directly from an IRA without paying income tax on the withdrawal. Or you may be eligible to join the many generous individuals who have used this tax-wise strategy to help ACC and its students over the past several years.

### How it Works

Susan, age 78, has \$500,000 in an IRA. She doesn't need the entire \$20,000 plus she is required to take this year and she doesn't care to pay all that tax. Susan would like to help students and programs at Alamance Community College. So she authorizes the administrator of her IRA to transfer \$15,000 to the ACC Foundation and the remaining balance to herself. The \$15,000 counts towards her annual minimum required distribution, plus she avoids having to pay tax on it. And she helps qualified students access higher education and a better future.

### Benefits

- The donor may transfer up to \$100,000 per year to charitable organizations.
- The charitable distribution counts toward the donor's minimum required distributions for the year.
- The amount transferred is excluded from Adjusted Gross Income (AGI).

### To Qualify

- The donor must be age 70 1/2 or older at the time of the gift.
- Transfers must be made directly from a traditional IRA by an IRA administrator.
- Gifts must be outright and the donor cannot receive any goods or services in exchange for the contribution.

### Interested?

- Please consult a tax advisor to confirm how you would benefit from this opportunity.
- Note that charitable distributions are not eligible for a charitable tax deduction (since they are exempt from income tax).
- Please contact Carolyn Rhode at [Carolyn.rhode@alamancecc.edu](mailto:Carolyn.rhode@alamancecc.edu) or 336-506-4128 so we can answer questions and know to keep an eye out for your IRA designation check.

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During February ACC Ambassadors will be calling friends and alumni of ACC to reconnect, find out what you are up to these days, share a little about the college and, YES, ask for financial support of ACC students. To help us build momentum,

- Contact the ACC Foundation at [Natalie.miles@alamancecc.edu](mailto:Natalie.miles@alamancecc.edu) or 336-506-4102 to make a gift or pledge, or
- Visit [www.accfoundation.com](http://www.accfoundation.com), click on donate now to make a credit card gift.

## We are looking for the 2020 ACC Distinguished Alumna/us



Do you know an ACC Alum who has distinguished themselves in their career and community relations? An ACC alumnus/a is defined as someone who has successfully completed at least one class at Alamance Community College. Nomination forms can be accessed at [www.accfoundation.com](http://www.accfoundation.com) or by contacting [Natalie.miles@alamancecc.edu](mailto:Natalie.miles@alamancecc.edu) or 336-506-4102.